



PUBLIC PROGRAM

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Public Habitat Site Walk

Frances Crane WMA & Quashnet Woods SR

Thursday, December 18th, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Join MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Biologists and Natural Heritage Restoration Ecologists to walk through portions of three project areas in close proximity to one another that are scheduled for habitat work this winter. Projects included in the day's walk include:

1. A 120-acre pitch pine/scrub oak barrens restoration site in the portion of the Frances Crane WMA in Falmouth north of Rte. 151 that will benefit both state-listed rare species as well as game birds such as American woodcock (pictured) and ruffed grouse.
2. A portion of the Frances Crane WMA south of Rte. 151 to walk through portions of a 180-acre scrub oak restoration site that has seen previous tree clearing, mowing, invasive plant control, and prescribed burning to learn about how state-listed species and game species have responded to previous management.
3. The third stop will be the Quashnet Woods State Reservation/WMA in Mashpee to walk portions of an 80-acre New England cottontail habitat management project area. Learn about the work that DFW, DCR, and other agencies/organizations are doing to create young forest habitat with high stem densities to conserve the New England cottontail, which has been in steep population decline for decades and is currently a candidate for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act. This project will benefit cottontail, as well as declining songbirds and gamebirds like American woodcock (pictured) and ruffed grouse.



Directions: Meet at the [DFW Field Trail Parking Area](#) at the Frances Crane WMA on the north side of Rte. 151 (between Hamilton Tree and the town softball field) at 10:00am. Please wear sturdy boots and dress for cold weather. Walk sponsored by the MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

Coming Event

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